

MORTGAGE BURNING AT PYTHIAN CASTLE HALL.

Last Dollar Paid—Vice-President Graham and Vice-President Jonathan.
Large Crowd—Much Enthusiasm and Money.

August 2, 1904, marks an important event in the history of the Pythian organization of Virginia of which Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., is the official head.

This beautiful castle was purchased and fitted up in modern style, with every convenience, heated by a fine boiler and 23 radiators, lighted by gas and electricity, contains a handsome parlor, dining hall, kitchen, besides lodge rooms fully equipped and opened to its members July 4, 1903, at a cost of about \$9,000.

Every dollar of that amount was raised within twelve months, and the last note paid to the Mechanics Savings Bank five months ahead of time, causing great jubilee among the members of the order.

The hall was literally packed with an enthusiastic, appreciative audience and the following program was magnificently rendered:



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Scripture reading, Rev. S. C. Burrell; prayer, Rev. A. S. Thomas; address, Rev. W. F. Graham; Miss M. L. Chiles read a fine paper showing the financial condition of the business department. She read the names of those on her ten dollar list, who had paid \$300 in about three weeks. Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., President of the P. C. I. A., in his magnetic manner entertained them with facts, relating to Department A, and the Mechanics Savings Bank, and inspired all to rally to his next appeal.

The figures showed that in two years time this order has paid for \$18,000 worth of property with only an unpaid debt of \$1,500 on the old hall. Total receipts were \$16,252.36; expenses, \$15,086.86; balance in hand, \$1,266.66, while nearly \$9,000 have been paid by the Lodges and Courts on stock.

The Bank has a cash balance of over \$50,000, owns about \$30,000 worth of real estate and has handled over \$441,000 in two years. The rents from the property pay all the Bank expenses.

This superb management or financing by Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., has caused him to be styled, the "Prince of Financiers." Mr. Mitchell divided his positions of honor, permitting Dr. W. F. Graham to represent the P. C. I. A. Vice-President H. F. Jonathan to act as President of the Mechanics

Savings Bank in the Mortgage Burning.

Dr. Graham presented the check for the balance of the money to Mr. Jonathan, who in return gave over the mortgage papers and release deed to Dr. Graham. Lawyer Hewitt read these papers to the vast audience.

Captain Ben Scott arranged the large pot in an unique manner, while Miss Marietta L. Chiles, G. W. R. of Deeds, who had raised so much money on stock had the honor of striking the match and lighting the mortgage papers, assisted by Dr. Graham. The whole program was enlivened by sacred music.

The vast audience then passed down into the dining hall, partook of refreshments and with happy hearts wended their way home. The whole affair was managed magnificently.—*Planet.*

The Young Men's Business Association, No. 1, will give a grand prize picnic at Madres Park, Eckington, D. C., Wednesday, August 24. This association has prepared an interesting program and has secured the services of the Invincible orchestra, of which, that prince of musicians, Edward F. Ambler, is director. Refreshments will be served by a committee of ladies, and a good time is expected.

Misses Nellie Robinson and Lillie Ramsey, of 1147 Seventeenth street, northwest, left the city Saturday evening last to spend the month of August in Oberlin, Ohio, at Miss Robinson's home. They will visit Cleveland, O., Detroit, Mich., and other points before they return to the city.

Mr. J. W. Williams, will be united in marriage, to Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan of the recorders office, Friday next, at 10.30, a. m., at the residence of the bride, 1516 Sixth street northwest. They will leave the city immediately after the ceremony for points on the Atlantic Coast.

MRS. CLIFFORD REELECTED.

Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, one of the most prominent club women in America, was elected for the third time as president of the Ohio Federation of



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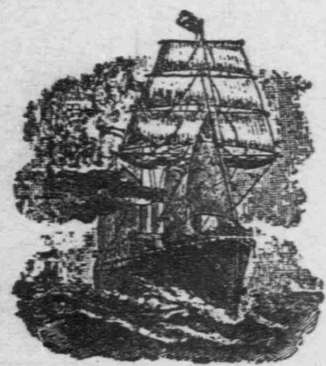
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